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Task: 4422

Mr. Paul Baker
Division of Oil, Gas & Mining
Utah Department of Natural Resources
P.O. Box 145801
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801

Subject: M/045/004, Notice of Surety Escalation, Request for Modification

Dear Mr. Baker:

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Kennecott Utah Copper LLC (KUC) is in receipt of your letter dated October 5, 2011. KUC understands and agrees that a surety adjustment is in order and concurs that the escalated surety is required by December 20, 2011. KUC does not believe it is possible to satisfy the Division's request for a complete surety re-calculation, formatting, and adjustment by December 5, 2011.

Therefore, KUC requests the following consideration for this escalation:

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- The form of the surety may be changed to a surety bond with an approved entity per discussions with Ms. P. Berry 2011
- KUC agrees to complete a re-calculation of surety and formatting on Division forms in 2012 with a re-adjustment of the applicable surety as appropriate

Please contact me or Glenn Eurick (801.204.2113) should you have any questions concerning this request.

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cc: Ms. Leslie Heppler, UDOGM, by email

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